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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL VISIT--MEETINGS WITH DISSIDENTS

REF: (A) WARSAW 9135; (B) WARSAW 9195; (C) STATE 303440

1. REFTEL (C) RESPONDS SPECIFICALLY TO THE QUESTION OF A POSSIBLE REQUEST FROM SEKULSKI FOR A MEETING WITH DR. BRZEZINSKI.

2. REGARDING POSSIBLE SIMILAR REQUESTS FROM OTHER DISSIDENTS AND THAT ALREADY RECEIVED FROM ZBIGNIEW WOLYNSKI, WE CONCUR WITH YOUR REASONING IN PARAGRAPH 14 OF REF A. WE DO NOT WANT TO SINGLE OUT ANY INDIVIDUAL OR GROUP FOR
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SPECIAL ATTENTION. IN PRINCIPLE THE PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF HIS PARTY WOULD WELCOME MEETINGS WITH ANY AND ALL AMERICANS OF POLISH ORIGIN LIVING IN POLAND AND WITH POLES OF ANY POLITICAL PERSUASION. SINCE THERE WILL BE NO ALL-INCLUSIVE RECEPTION IN WARSAW, HOWEVER, THE ONLY PRACTICABLE WAY TO ACCOMPLISH THIS WOULD BE THROUGH A SERIES OF INDIVIDUAL MEETINGS, BUT THERE WILL NOT BE SUFFICIENT TIME FOR THIS.

3. SO FAR AS WE ARE AWARE, ONLY A FEW INDIVIDUALS HAVE SO FAR EXPRESSED INTEREST IN SUCH MEETINGS, AND THEY ARE NOT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE CROSS SECTION OF POLITICAL AND SOCIAL

THOUGHT IN POLAND. TO MEET WITH ONE OR TWO WOULD RISK JEOPARDIZING THE EVEN-HANDED POLICY YOU OUTLINE AND WITH WHICH WE FULLY AGREE.

4. ACCORDINGLY, YOU MAY TELL WOLYNSKI AND ANY OTHERS WHO SHOULD ASK FOR MEETINGS THAT YOU HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED TO RESPOND AS FOLLOWS:

-- A. IN PRINCIPLE, THE PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF HIS PARTY WOULD LIKE TO BE ABLE TO MEET WITH AS MANY INDIVIDUALS AS POSSIBLE DURING THE VISIT, BUT, UNFORTUNATELY, THE TIGHT SCHEDULE WOULD PERMIT ONLY A VERY FEW APPOINTMENTS.

-- B. THIS BEING SO, IT HAS BEEN DECIDED THAT WE MUST DECLINE INDIVIDUAL REQUESTS SO AS NOT TO APPEAR TO BE IDENTIFYING OURSELVES WITH ANY PARTICULAR PERSON OR GROUP.

-- C. THE EMBASSY WOULD BE GLAD TO TRANSMIT ANY COMMUNICATION FROM WOLYNSKI OR OTHERS TO DR. BRZEZINSKI OR OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PRESIDENT'S PARTY.
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5. DR. BRZEZINSKI CONCURS IN THIS MESSAGE. VANCE

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